

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship, the carton comprising:

six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel,

a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the first portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by a first tear line; the first portion extending at least partially into the first side, the second side, and the third side; the dispenser defined at least partially by a first tear line, a second tear line, and a third tear line; the first portion being is removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first opening in the first side for article removal, the first portion is detachable along the first tear line, the first tear line detaching the first portion from both the second portion and the carton, the second portion being adjacent the first portion and being defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, the second tear line a first provision, and a second provision the third tear line; the first provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the first provision being intersected by a first intersection line that prevents the first provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the second provision being intersected by a second intersection line that prevents the second provision from

extending beyond its intended length; the second portion being separable along the first provision and the second provision to create a second opening in the carton;

~~after the first portion is detached from the second portion and from the carton, the second portion forming a hinged flap about the second tear line and the third tear line, the second tear line having a first end proximate the second portion and a second end distal the second portion, the second end of the second tear line intersected by a first intersection line, the first intersection line being non-parallel the second tear line, the first intersection line preventing the second tear line from extending beyond its intended length, the third tear line having a first end proximate the second portion and second end distal the second portion, the second end of the third tear line intersected by a second intersection line, the second intersection line being non-parallel the third tear line, the second intersection line preventing the third tear line from extending beyond its intended length;~~

~~wherein the second opening and is adjacent the first opening and when the first portion is removed from the second portion, the hinged flap, when engaged, enlarges the opening to create together define an enlarged opening comprising the first opening with the second opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article removal from the carton than the first opening alone.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein the a divider pad is secured to the inside of the carton.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 2 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein the second tear line first provision and the third tear line second provision are parallel ~~aligned to allow the hinged flap to be pivoted therebetween.~~

7. - 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the six sides are arranged substantially rectangular.

10. - 59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side, ~~and wherein removal of the first portion from the second portion detaches along the perimeter section.~~

61. (Currently Amended) The package blank of claim 64 ~~[[13]]~~ wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side, ~~and wherein removal of the first portion from the second portion detaches along the perimeter section.~~

62. (New) The carton of claim 1, wherein the first and second provisions are cuts.
63. (New) The carton of claim 1, wherein the first and second intersection lines are cuts.
64. (New) A package comprising:
a plurality of articles;
a paperboard carton for enclosing the plurality of articles in rows, the carton comprising:
six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel,
a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the first portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by a first tear line; the first portion extending at least partially into the first side, the second side, and the third side; the first portion being removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first opening for article removal, the second portion being adjacent the first portion and being defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, a first provision, and a second provision; the first provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the first

provision being intersected by a first intersection line that prevents the first provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second provision having a first end proximate the first portion and a second end distal the first portion, the second end of the second provision being intersected by a second intersection line that prevents the second provision from extending beyond its intended length; the second portion being separable along the first provision and the second provision to create a second opening in the carton; wherein the second opening and the first opening together define an enlarged opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article removal from the carton than the first opening.

65. (New) The package of claim 63, wherein the first and second provisions are cuts.

66. (New) The package of claim 63, wherein the first and second intersection lines are cuts.

67. (New) A blank comprising:
a first panel connected along a first fold line to a second panel;
the second panel connected along a second fold line to a third panel;
the third panel connected along a third fold line to a fourth panel;
at least a first end flap connected to either the first panel, the second panel, the third panel, or the fourth panel along a fourth fold line;

at least a second end flap connected to either the first panel, the second panel, the third panel, or the fourth panel along a fifth fold line; the fourth and the fifth fold lines being parallel, and the fourth and the fifth fold lines being perpendicular to the first fold line;

a first tear line in the third panel, the first tear line intersecting the second fold line at a first intersection point and intersecting the third fold line at a second intersection point; a second tear line in the third panel, the second tear line intersecting the second fold line at a third intersection point and intersecting the third fold line at a fourth intersection point; the first tear line and the second tear line being spaced apart a predetermined distance;

a third tear line in the second panel extending approximately from the first intersection point to the third intersection point;

a fourth tear line in the fourth panel extending approximately from the second intersection point to the fourth intersection point;

a first cut extending along the second fold line from the first intersection point to a first transverse cut; and,

a second cut extending along the third fold line from the second intersection point to a second transverse cut.

68. (New) The blank of claim 67 wherein the first transverse cut and the second transverse cut are spaced a second predetermined distance from the fifth fold line.

69. (New) The blank of claim 67 wherein the first transverse cut and the second transverse cut are parallel to the fifth fold line.